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SHAH

FOR THE CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO THE
SHAH:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

PRESIDENT FORD AND I ARE ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS
WITH CONGRESS CONCERNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED EGYPT-
ISRAEL AGREEMENT. WE ARE STRESSING IN THESE CONSULTATIONS,
AS WE HAVE IN OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND OUR COMMUNICATIONS
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WITH VARIOUS ARAB LEADERS AND THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, THE

DETERMINATION OF THE U.S. TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY THE RECENT AGREEMENT TO MOVE TOWARD AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. PRESIDENT SADAT SHARES THIS CONVICTION AND IS DETERMINED THAT THE PROCESS MUST CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME ELEMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS THE USSR HAVE TAKEN A VERY NEGATIVE VIEW TOWARD LAST WEEK'S AGREEMENT AND ARE CONDUCTING A WIDE-SPREAD CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT PRESIDENT SADAT. WHATEVER THE MOTIVATIONS, THESE ATTACKS MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY SINCE THEY COULD UNDERMINE NOT ONLY THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT SADAT--WHICH BOTH YOU AND WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO REINFORCE--BUT ALSO COULD HAVE MUCH BROADER REPERCUSSIONS IN THE AREA AS A WHOLE.

IN THIS SITUATION, I CAN SEE GREAT VALUE IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATING SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOR LAST WEEK'S AGREEMENT, AS A STEP TOWARD AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT AND A COURAGEOUS ACT OF LEADERSHIP BY PRESIDENT SADAT IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THE ARABS. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY'S POSITION AND WOULD FOLLOW NATURALLY FROM THE FACT THAT YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH LED US TO PROCEED ALONG THIS COURSE. IT COULD NOT FAIL TO HAVE AN IMPACT UPON OTHERS WHO, UNLIKE YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY, TEND TO BE SWAYED BY EMOTION. IT WOULD ALSO BE WELCOMED IN THIS COUNTRY AS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT THE U.S. AND IRAN SHARE THE SAME STRATEGIC VIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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